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To: Examiner Marc McDieunel Facsimile No.: (571) 273-8300
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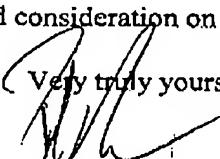
From: Phillip E. Miller Facsimile No.: (703) 761-2375 or 76

Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111 and Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter
 U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/563,116
 Docket No.: FP04001-US-P/MM/Ct

Dear Examiner McDieunel:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on November 26, 2008, along with two copies of the Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.


 Very truly yours,
 Phillip E. Miller

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Katsunori Sakata et al.

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Serial No.: 10/563,116**Group Art Unit:** 3664**Filing Date:** April 14, 2006**Examiner:** Marc McDieunel**For:** TRANSPORTING APPARATUS AND TRANSPORTING CONTROL
METHOD FOR THIN PLATEHonorable Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PREV. PAID FOR</u>	<u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE DUE</u>
Total Claims	23	22	= 1	x \$ 52.00	\$ 52.00
Indep. Claims	3	3	= 0	x \$ 220.00	\$

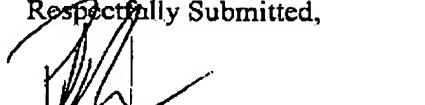
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$ 52.00

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481 in the amount of \$52.00 to cover the excess claim fees.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 1/27/09

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2008, please amend the Application as follows: